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## Quick Read

### In General

#### Protect children

Children 11 years of age or younger may not occupy the front seat in motor vehicles without authorized safety equipment suitable for the child. Similarly, children 11 years of age or younger, or shorter than 150 centimeters, or four feet, 11 inches, may not occupy the back seat without DOT-approved restraint equipment suitable for the child. Additionally, all passengers on motorcycles must wear required safety devices such as protective eye device and a helmet whether on or off military installations. Reference: IAW NSSG Regulation 190-5.

### Belgium

#### SNAP to it

Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program has a new survey geared toward keeping our housing communities safe in the 80th Area Support Group. This survey is also available online at [www.80asg.army.mil/SNAP/SNAP/index.html](http://www.80asg.army.mil/SNAP/SNAP/index.html). For information or to request a printed survey contact the SNAP Program Coordinator, 068 27-6143 or Marcia.DeVill@benelux.army.mil or SNAP@benelux.army.mil.

#### Auction helps victims

The American Red Cross is looking for gently-used items to be auctioned May 15th in the SHAPE International School cafeteria. The items can be as large as furniture and as small as gift baskets or as personal as someone willing to share their talents. All proceeds go to the Disaster Relief Fund which aids victims around the world. Info: 065 44-4008.

#### Meeting set

A Community Town Hall meeting is April 15, 6 p.m., in NSA community conference room, Building 2. Topics include AFAP brief, volunteer recognition ceremony, summer activities and much more. Email your issues to Community.Coordinator@usdelmc.army.mil.

### Netherlands and Germany

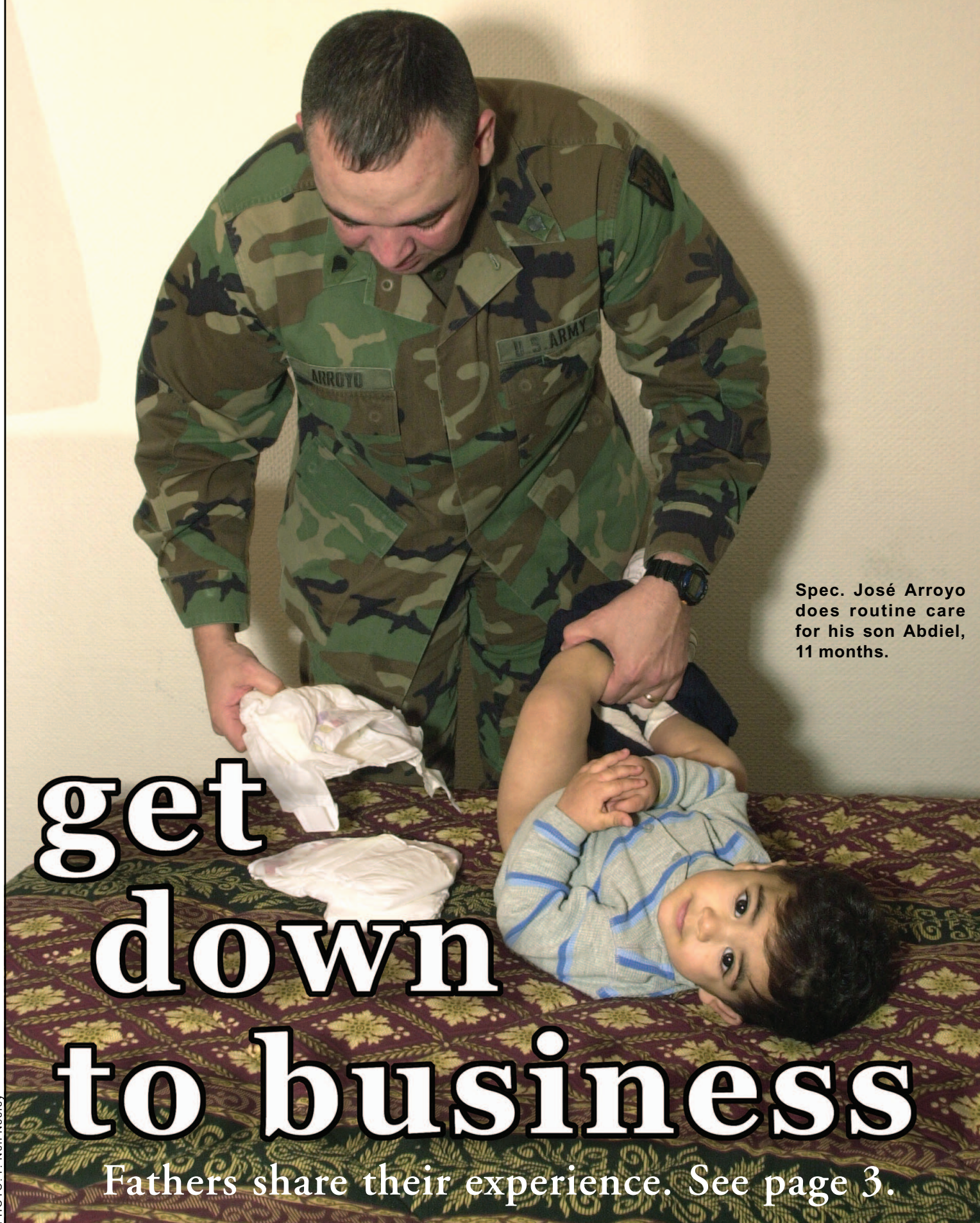
#### Hours expanded

The Army Learning Center at Treebeek has new operating hours starting April 19: Monday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

#### Help scouts

Tri-border Girl Scouts seek volunteers to fill various positions. Call Whitney Scott, 045 532-5979 or Teri Ryan, 046 443-7451.

# DADS



Spec. José Arroyo does routine care for his son Abdiel, 11 months.

# get down to business

Fathers share their experience. See page 3.

## April is Month of the Military Child

PHOTO: F. Neil Neeley

# USAREUR commander says sexual assault will be thoroughly prosecuted

19 March 2004

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Sexual Assault

1. Sexual assault is a violent crime that has no place in our Army. It is incompatible with our Army values and our standards of professionalism and discipline.

2. Allegations of sexual assault will be investigated promptly and impartially and resolved expeditiously. Leaders at all levels are responsible for providing a safe and healthy environment for those in their charge, and must take action to prevent sexual assault, protect and support victims, and hold offenders accountable by taking all appropriate administrative and judicial actions based on the facts and circumstances of each case.

3. Leaders must understand their inherent responsibility to respond—compassionately but resolutely—to allegations of sexual assault in their units. Commanders will conduct effective and meaningful preventive sexual harassment training as prescribed by AR 600-20.

4. Sexual assault is the second most-reported felony in the Army in Europe. Common factors in cases of sexual assault include the following:

- Young Soldiers (private through specialist) are the most likely victims and perpetrators.

- 76 percent of sexual assaults (including rape) occur in unlocked barracks or Government quarters.

- 74 percent of sexual assaults (including rape) involve alcohol.

- 50 percent of the rape victims know the alleged offender.

- Most sexual assaults occur between 0100 and 0500 on Fridays and Saturdays.

5. Leaders can influence many of the above factors through proactive preventative measures and education. Commanders can provide rape-prevention and alcohol-awareness training, implement more stringent barracks policy, and increase the presence of unit leadership during high-risk periods. Leaders, equal opportunity advisers, and equal opportunity leaders are encouraged to frequent places where Soldiers socialize. Commanders will ensure unit leaders understand the seriousness and potential consequences of sexual assault, and know the proper procedures for referring victims for medical treatment and counseling and for



Gen. B. B. Bell

obtaining victim-witness liaison in a timely manner.

6. Victims of sexual assault must be helped and protected. I want victims to know that they have the following rights.

- The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for their dignity and privacy.

- The right to immediate and effective medical care and attention, including long-term follow-up.

- The right to be reasonably protected from the accused offender.

- The right to be notified of court proceedings.

- The right to be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense (unless the court determines otherwise).

- The right to talk with the attorney for the Government in the case.

- The right to seek damages in certain cases.

- The right to information about the conviction, sentencing, imprisonment, and release of the offender.

7. Commanders must ensure that victims are aware of the personnel and agencies available in the command and community

to help them through their difficult ordeal. These include but are not limited to law-enforcement officials, medical providers (social workers, psychologists, and psychiatrists), community-based services available through Army Community Services, and spiritual and faith-based counseling from Family Life chaplains. Victims deserve professional, competent, and compassionate assistance, including long-term follow-up. These services must be made available immediately to the victim following the allegation, regardless of the status of the criminal or command investigation.

8. Every member of our team deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. I want to ensure that you understand our responsibility and share my concern for the safety of the people who live and work in our communities. A vigorous public affairs and command information program will begin in the upcoming weeks to emphasize why this issue deserves our utmost attention. Use this program to reinforce our continued commitment to the well-being of our force.

B. B. BELL  
General, USA  
Commanding

## Investigator: sexual assault not common here

By Rick Haverinen

A military police investigator says the crime of sexual assault does not occur frequently in the 80th Area Support Group footprint.

"We really don't have a high sexual assault rate compared to other areas Army-wide," said Investigator Jessica Harmon, "but it's slowly on the incline."

Harmon said when the crime does occur, is not always reported.

"Normally it's one of those things where they say, 'I went to a club, I got drunk and went home with John Doe, I can't remember,' and they're not sure," Harmon said, "or because they know their attacker, and the highest percentage of victims do know their attacker, they're ashamed and they're afraid to come forward."

Harmon said another block in getting victims to report the crime is because the investigation itself can be traumatic.

"We have to make them relive it," Harmon said. "We have to make them go through the physical examination and things like that. And if the victim took a shower between the crime happening and the complaint, it will be his word against her word because the DNA evidence can be removed. It makes the charge much harder to press, and the victim can see that person get off. People read about that, and they say, 'Why should I come forward?'"

Harmon said a sexual assault victim in the military might not make a complaint because of fear that they're going to be treated differently within their command.

"They're afraid the guys in their unit will look at them differently because of it, or just because they made an allegation towards someone," Harmon said. "So the fears are always there, but unfortunately it needs to be reported."

Even without a conviction for sexual assault and the accompanying severe penalties, just an allegation of the crime can stifle a military career.

"The allegation of a rape will always be there," Harmon said. "Even though they're not titled with it, people have it in their minds or they remember, 'Hey, you were up for rape.' It goes to your promotion board. It's supposed to be not binding but it's in the back of their heads. If you go for a security clearance, you're not going to get it. If you go for a certain job, and you sexually molested someone, you might not receive that job. It doesn't go away. When someone does a background check, it's there."

Harmon said the crime harms the family.

"Because most of these people might have a wife or husband left at home, it's going to affect that home life also," Harmon said. "I've seen families stay together but I've also seen a spouse say, 'You did this,' and leave. The crime affects a lot more than the two people who were initially involved."

Harmon has recommendations to prevent the crime.

"I'm really big into the buddy system," Harmon said. "Everyone goes out in groups. There's usually a designated driver. Sometimes when people go out after a deployment or being out in the field, they drink to the point where they don't have their sense. The buddy system is,

you go to a club as a group and you come home as a group. So you have the security that they're not going to go home with anyone and no one is going to take them home besides the people who brought them there."

Harmon recommends caution when starting a dating relationship.

"Don't take them to your room the first night," Harmon said. "Don't create a perception that, 'She took me to her room, maybe he's going to get lucky.' Let a friend know where you're at. Especially if you live in the barracks and you're single, say 'I'm going out to dinner with so and so for the first time. We're supposed to go here to eat and a movie. We'll be back about this time.'"

"So when you're not back about this time, they can give you a call and ask, 'Hey, where are you?' And at least they know that you're safe and if anything was to occur you have that line to call. Always call 911 in the States, or 112 here in Europe. Let people know where you're at and be aware of your surroundings."

Harmon said enforcement of sexual assault crimes is strict in the U.S. military.

"It can go from life in prison, depending on the nature of the crime, or even the death penalty," Harmon said. "Because we're in Europe, we're not allowed to use the death penalty, but they can get life in prison. They get reduced to the lowest rank, they forfeit pay and they get jail time. Sometimes we hear the person accused say they were joking around, or 'She wanted it,' that type of thing. But some things you don't even want to mess with."

## Letter to the editor - Adult leaders needed for Girl Scouts

To the Editor:

U.S.A. Girl Scouts Overseas - SHAPE needs adult volunteers. Without them we are at risk of losing our Girl Scout neighborhood.

Girl Scouts is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls. It provides an accepting and nurturing environment enabling girls to build character and skills for success in the real world. We really are more than just cookies and camping! In partnership with adults, girls develop qualities that will

serve them all their lives: strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self worth.

Adult volunteers are the key to keeping the Girl Scout program at SHAPE. Of course we can always use volunteers to serve as leaders and co-leaders, but we have a more pressing need at this time: we need adults (man or woman, single or married, parent or not) to serve on our Overseas Committee, which is composed of individuals who conduct the administrative functions of the Girl Scouts at SHAPE. Each position re-

quires: a commitment to providing Girl Scouting in compliance with the policies and standards of the Girl Scouts U.S.A.; registration as a Girl Scout member for the year of appointment; the ability to work as a member of a team; and the ability to work with a wide variety of people.

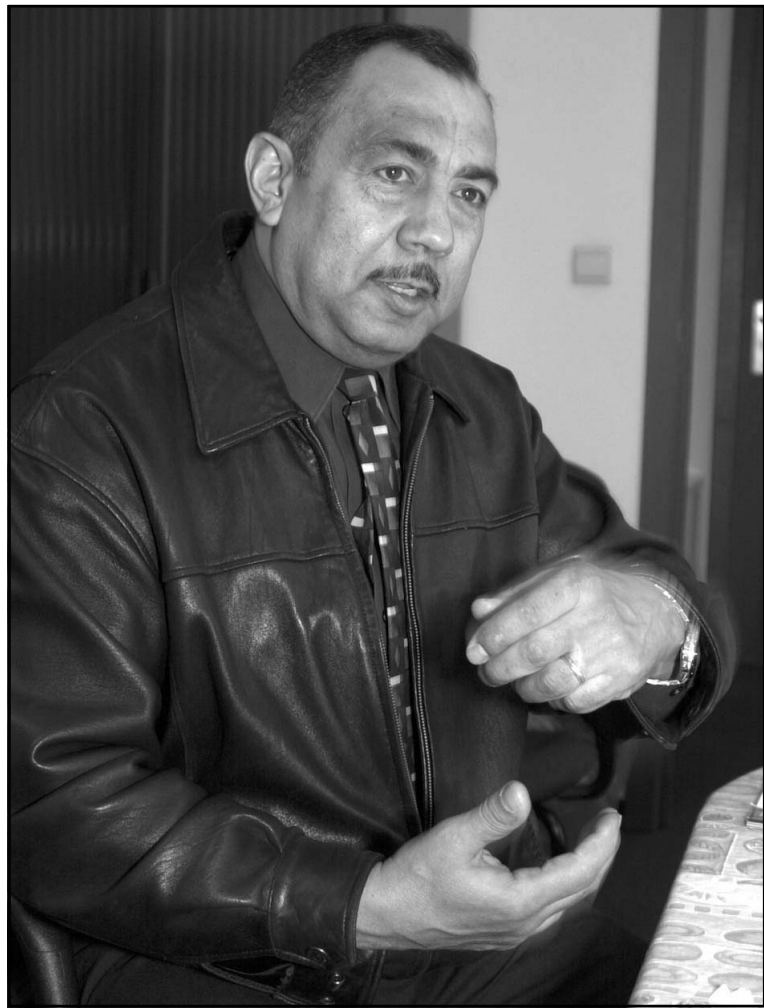
Some of the committee positions are short term, some are year-long. Some require an hour per week, some an hour or more per month. There are three positions (Overseas Committee chairperson, secretary, and treasurer) that must be

filled annually, or we will lose Girl Scouts on SHAPE. The current Overseas Committee chairperson's term ends June 1, so we need to find a replacement for next year as soon as possible!

Anyone interested in helping "Girls Grow Strong" should contact [shapegirlscouts@mac.com](mailto:shapegirlscouts@mac.com).

Thank you,  
Melinda J. Corey  
OCC, USA Girl Scouts Overseas - SHAPE

# Fathers share lessons learned



PHOTOS: F. Neil Neeley

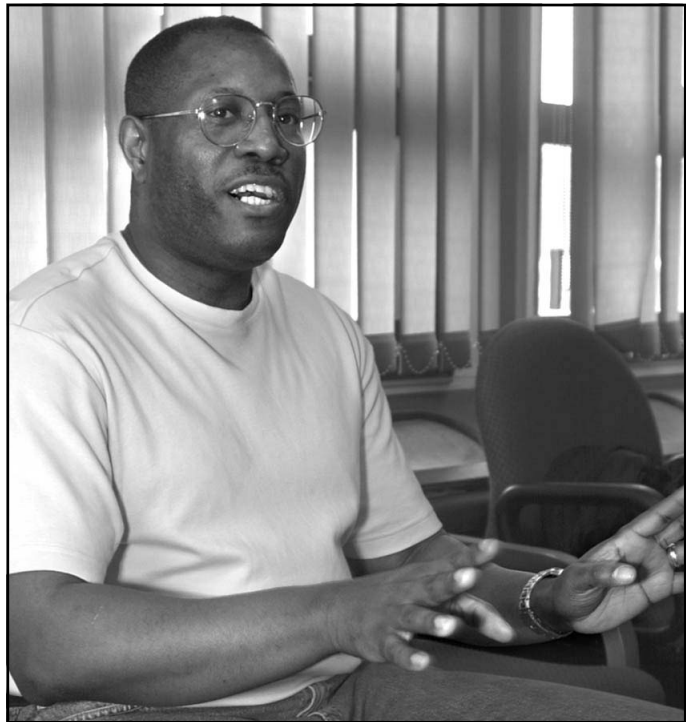
“Anybody can be a father. Fathering is just having relations with this woman and she has a child and, ‘Adios, Mama.’ Now if you are a true dad, that means that you’re the father, that you take care, you nurture, you love, you supervise, you do everything until that child is old enough to say adios.”

**Sgt. Frankie Alvarez**

**By Rick Haverinen**

The male culture has over the centuries developed a few exclusive but peculiar commandments:

1. When traveling, thou shalt not of a stranger ask directions.
2. Upon unpacking and installing appliances in the home, thou shalt always ignore the book of instructions.
3. When raising children, thou shalt *never* of another ask advice.



“I feel it’s my responsibility, not just for my child, but for my community, to have good fathers out there training their kids how to be respectable children.”

**Sgt. 1st Class Frankie Wiley**

“You know how guys are,” said Sgt. 1st Class Frankie Wiley, 650th Military Intelligence Group. “I don’t have any problem.” No guy has a problem.”

Wiley said the conflict of participating in a discussion group about fathering might be “Should I come here and listen to a bunch of guys discuss touchy-feely things?” versus “Does that other guy (alarmed by your sudden display of sensitivity) honestly know the benefits of sitting around and talking to different dads?”

Wiley and Master Sgt. Mike Roth of U.S. Army NATO are working on graduate degrees in human relations and in the process getting dads to ignore their basic instincts and actually talk to each other about fathering.

“That’s why we think of this as a think tank,” Roth said. “People have gone before us, given us ideas, to help rectify some situations that we might have. Our goal is to get guys involved.”

Here are some insights shared in a March 26 meeting organized by Wiley and Roth with Spec. José Arroyo, SHAPE Chapel; and Sgt. Frankie Alvarez, 7th Army Reserve Command.

**Alvarez:** “Children don’t come with instructions and all children are different. You can’t give one child the same as you do to the others. You give the same love but the teachings are different and you have to adjust to that. And you learn as you grow.”

**Wiley:** “I think it’s more of a trial and error-type deal. You learn from them but you also teach them. But you learn a lot of stuff from the community, from different fathers like I learned different things from Mr. Alvarez as well as learning something else from Mr. Arroyo. That the things that he does are good but it might not fit my situation as he was saying, but I tailored it to my particular child.”

**Arroyo:** “You have to be proactive in learning, not everything applies to my kids, but I can tailor it to my specific needs. I have three children myself and they’re all different. I have found that I need to research and get a good book and read and see things from another perspective for me to learn how to deal with situations I might encounter in the future.”

**Alvarez:** “Characters change. Even children who have a distinguishing thing about themselves one day, and the next day...

(laugh) It’s no longer Alejandro, now it’s A-J. and before that it was something else. And children have a tendency, like a butterfly, to keep changing.”

**Wiley:** “I think it changes more so with the particular peer group. Like you say, if I’m hanging out with another group of kids they might like the A-J thing. Or you hang out with another group and they’re more want to study and be intellectuals and hang out with this other group and they want to play sports. So as a father you have to be cognizant of that, so be there and know what that particular child is doing and then say, ‘Okay, I notice that you like to play basketball. Let me get out there and show you some things.’ Then not only are you teaching your child during that time frame, you’re also spending good quality time. So the good thing about fatherhood is actually being there and watching your child grow — not just letting someone tell you how your child grew.”

*Is it easy for a father to choose something to do that won’t involve a child?*

**Roth:** “I think when they work and then come home, they want some relaxation time or want some peace time, and there’s not a lot of peace time when you come home and there’s a four year-old or an eight year-old, or 12 year-old. When you come home, they don’t understand that you were working like a hostage all day, they know that now you’re there and you’re in the present and what can you do for me now?”

**Wiley:** “Plus you’ve got that ‘honey do’ list when you get home, so it’s kind of hard to say, ‘Hey, I need to wind down for at least five minutes.’ No sooner do you come through the door, then they’re jumping on you, saying, ‘Hey, I need this. I need my time.’”

*How do deployments affect fathering in the military environment?*

**Alvarez:** “When it comes to being deployed, there’s anguish and all kinds of things going on. The whole objective when you get back is trying to put what happened behind you, and start anew, but it’s difficult.”

**Roth:** We had a discussion about deployments and one of the guys in the group had a wonderful idea. He has a daughter who lives in the States, and when he talks to her, he writes down notes. And the next time he talks to her, he’ll say, ‘What happened with Jimmy?’ And those few little notes help a lot.”

**Wiley:** “A lot of times we come back to the same household and we expect things to be the same, and it’s not the case. So I know when I deployed and came back from Korea, my wife had her own way of doing things. So when I came back I was thinking, ‘Maybe life is still the same as when I left,’ so I tried to say, ‘Hey, this is what we’re going to do. Blah, blah, blah.’ She said, ‘No. we don’t do it like



“The biggest thing I’ve learned in the last year with my niece and my nephew is probably that if there’s a moral or ethical decision that needs to be made, or needs to be taught, it needs to be taught when it happens. It can’t wait.”

**Master Sgt. Mike Roth**

that any more.’ So then I started getting frustrated. You have to integrate yourself back in slowly, not just come back and say, ‘It’s my way or it’s the highway.’ So I learned a lot during that time frame.”

*What is the difference between a father in the military and a father in the civilian world?*

**Wiley:** I think the opportunity to be there is more so as a civilian dad than in the military because at any given time in the military, a dad could just deploy for a number of months. But as a civilian, that’s not the case. Maybe a short business trip, 2-3 days or more or a week, but the opportunities to bond with the child in both of them are equal. You just have to set time aside to talk with the child.”

**Alvarez:** It’s a time constraint with the child. I put it 14-18 years, when they feel they know it all. They’re invincible, they can’t even get sick. And if you’re deployed during that time, they feel even more that they had to do it themselves. You’d come over and say, ‘I’m Dad. I’m back.’ They might say, ‘Dad, I’ve been doing this without you’—type of deal, the rebellion phase, and all children go through this phase, and it’s difficult being away and coming

back and slowly grabbing them and pulling them in. But this is not about power. This is about love.”

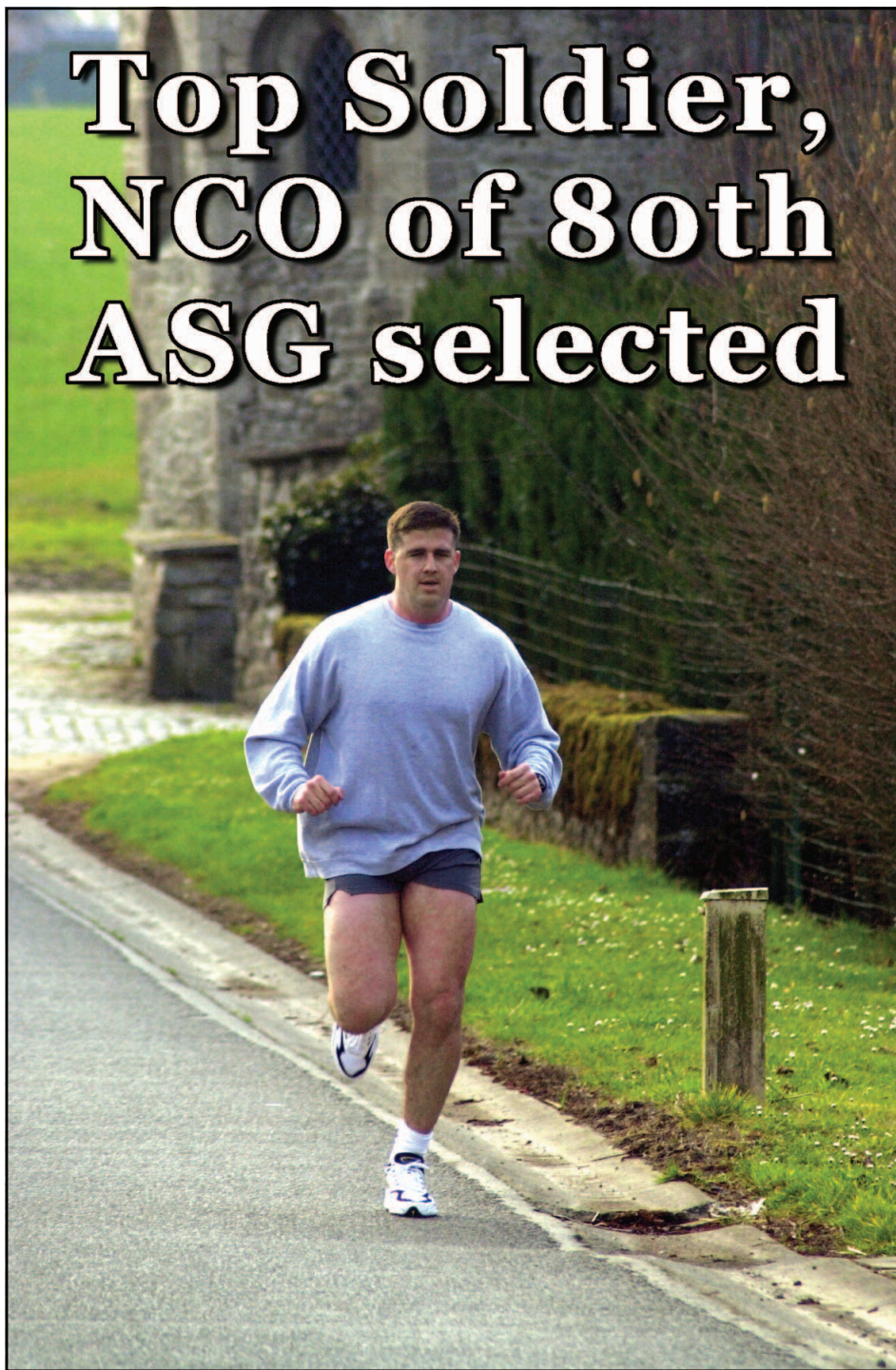
The Family Advocacy Program at Army Community Service on SHAPE has fathers talking to each other about a number of different subjects. For information, call Keith Nielsen at DSN 423-5263 or 065 44-5263.



“Women can teach a lot. They’ve been raising boys and girls for generations, but they cannot teach a boy how to be a boy. That’s something only a father can do.”

**Spec. José Arroyo**

# Top Soldier, NCO of 80th ASG selected



PHOTOS: F. Neil Neeley

**Staff Sgt. John Thompson, the 80th ASG NCO of the Year, runs past the Chapelle de la Ladrerie on the outskirts of Chièvres March 9.**

By F. Neil Neeley

Staff Sgt. John Thompson and Spec. Vida Abril are the 80th Area Support Group's newest top Soldiers.

Thompson is an MP desk sergeant in the provost marshal's office and has been named NCO of the Year and Abril is a supply clerk for Headquarters and Headquarters Co., 80th ASG, and has been named Soldier of the Year.

Thompson grew up in Port Lavaca, Texas and has been in the Army eight years. He has spent most of his time in field units with this being his first assignment in garrison.

Prior to arrival here he's been assigned to posts in Germany and the States.

Frequent deployments seem to go with his job. Thompson has been sent to Bosnia and Kosovo several times. In fact, the longest stretch he's ever stayed put in one place without a deployment was a year and a half stint served at Ft. Polk. That was two assignments before Chièvres. He jokingly says, "I tried not to stay in one spot too long." In any case, Thompson's wife and two small children have taken it all in stride.

Thompson has been at Chièvres for a little over a year and went to his first selec-

tion board just shortly after his arrival. "My motivation was to set the scene for my Soldiers," he said. "I think that the NCO and Soldier of the month, quarter and year competitions are good programs. I wanted them to get into it. I did it because I wanted to encourage my Soldiers to compete too and so far it's worked. I had one NCO who won NCO of the month twice and I had another challenge me at the NCO of the Year board. He was NCO of the fourth quarter."

What is Thompson's advice to Soldiers who are facing a board? "The biggest thing is to be confident," he says. "A lot of people lose composure. Don't just study the study guides, look at the manuals. That's where the knowledge is. That's really the whole point in going to the boards, is to get into the manuals and really learn the material."

Thompson is setting the example for his Soldiers in other ways. He's taking college courses and is well on his way to earning an Associates Degree. He'll follow that by pursuing a Bachelors Degree in History. "My main goal is to stay in the Army and retire," he said. "Then I want to do the Troops to Teachers thing."

"Troops to Teachers" is a U.S. Department of Education and Department of Defense program that helps eligible military personnel begin a second career in public education as teachers in public schools where their skills, knowledge and experience are most needed.

Thompson loves the outdoors and keeps in top shape by running 12 kilometers three times a week. "I like any kind of physical activity," he said. "I participated in the Nijmegen march last year and I'm hoping to do it again this year."

The four day event takes place in Nijmegen, the Netherlands, and is the world's largest walking event. Every year participants march up to 50 kilometers each day. This year the walk is July 20-23.

Soldier of the Year Spec. Vida Abril is a native of Miami, Fla. and has been in the Army for just under two years, most of that time stationed here at Chièvres.

Making the rank of specialist so quickly might be considered unusual but Abril had a head start on her contemporaries. She entered the Army as a Pvt. 1st Class. "I got my Pvt. 2 by taking a pre-enlistment physical training test and then I brought someone else into the Army and that got me promoted to Pvt. 1st Class before basic training," Abril said.

The first step to winning Soldier of the

Year is winning Soldier of the Month. Initially Abril didn't take that nomination too seriously. "I was the only person put forth and I had no competition," she said.

Later, she was to put more effort into it. Her previous supervisor, Sgt. 1st Class Betty Clark encouraged Abril to give it her best. "She got me into the mood for the board because I didn't really like going to them," Abril said. "She gave me encouragement and support."

Her advice to other Soldiers facing a board is pretty much similar to that of Thompson's. "Be confident," she said. "If you don't know the answer to a question, say so. It's better to exude confidence than to be hesitant with an answer."

Abril is very active as a representative in Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers. "I like to talk to people about BOSS," she said.

She certainly does. You may have heard one of her spots on AFN promoting the



**Spec. Vida Abril, the 80th ASG Soldier of the Year, arranges flags for a March 12 retirement ceremony on Chièvres Air Base.**

program. An avid BOSS booster, Abril takes every opportunity to support whatever worthy cause BOSS is sponsoring by volunteering or selling event tickets. Currently she is selling Belgian chocolates to raise money for an upcoming BOSS trip to Italy.

So the next time you pass near Headquarters Company on Chièvres, be sure to stop by and congratulate Abril. She still has a few boxes of chocolates left.

## 80th ASG honors local mayor

The 80th Area Support Group chose a March 19 civilian award ceremony to thank a local mayor.

80th Area Support Group Commander Col. Timothy Quinn thanked Chièvres Mayor André Feron at the end of his elected term for exceptional friendship to the U.S. military community during his 2000-2003 term.

Feron was mayor on Sept. 11, 2001 when the United States suffered the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. During that chaotic time, Feron offered the resources of the City of Chièvres to help his American neighbors. One specific contribution by Feron at that time was the loan of Chièvres City Hall which was used as a press center by military officials when access was barred to U.S. installations to all but essential personnel. Feron also presented a book of condolences written by local citizens to Quinn a few weeks after the attacks.



PHOTO: F. Neil Neeley

André Feron

Feron has consistently helped his American military neighbors throughout his term of office.

The new mayor of Chièvres is Michel Miroir. He and Feron split the six-year term of mayor because of a narrow election result.

Others receiving awards March 19 from Quinn were Georgina Melon and Claire Barnabe for 30 years of service; Nadine Bertrand for 25 years of service; and Andrew Frank, Michel Delhaise, Guy Galland, Jean François Canon, and Carolina Fochesato for 20 years of service.

Certificates of Promotion were presented to David B. Kalita, to GS-12; Christian Boisdenghien and Dirk Stevens, to BA-12; and to Bernard Jaye, Christophe Fontaine, Dominique Lefebvre, Yves Maquet, Nadine Derudder, Jeanine Orban and Françoise Simon, to BA-7.

Several categories of Safety Award Certificates were presented: to Steve Kin, Gerard Loiseau, Marc Prouvier, Louis Zufferli and Joël Spitaels, for Industrial-Type Operations; to Yves Brepols (who was absent) and Didier Creviaux for Driving 100,000 accident-free miles in Army motor vehicles; and to Bertrand Rousseau for Driving 30,000 accident-free miles in Army motor vehicles.

## Kudos

To **Stephanie Boone** from SHAPE American High School for her Bronze Award-winning presentation, "The Quality of Our Local Tap Water." Boone also won a \$1000 college scholarship at the European Junior Science and Humanities Symposium March 15-18 in Heidelberg. She will travel to Baltimore, Maryland for the National Symposium this month.



Boone

To the **Region Signal Group SHAPE (RSGS) basketball team** for winning First Place at the 80th Area Support Group Unit-Level Basketball Championships Feb. 21 and advancing to the Army Europe Championships March 18-21 in Heidelberg. RSGS drew number one seed position and took a bye in the opening round. They beat Stuttgart, then Heidelberg's 1st PERSCOM and Heidelberg Health Care Facility to reach the finals. 1st PERSCOM came from the loser's bracket to face RSGS for the championship. John Butler contributed 31 of RSGS's 75 points to beat 1st PERSCOM by 12 points in the final. RSGS's Anthony Doyle won tournament MVP.

# Egg-zactly the right yolks and laughs



PHOTOS: F. Neil Neeley



## Shell game

At the start, it looked like the Oklahoma Land Rush of 1889. But it's April 3, 2004, and the claims being staked are for Easter eggs on a lawn at Brussels American School. There was plenty of hootin' and hollerin' from these 3-5 year-olds but law and order was maintained by the older folks and a very tall bunny.



## Birds of a feather

Renée Altland, 3, gets acquainted with Bijou, 9, at the Children's Wellness Fair April 3 at Chièvres Air Base. Renée is the daughter of Master Sgt. Phil and Susanne Altland and Bijou belongs to Valerie Newsom of the 79th Medical Detachment. The fair featured exhibits from many local services that could find something to entertain or help children and Bijou put on a show just by being himself.



PHOTO: Rick Haverinen

# AFNorth student is ASG's Youth of the Year

By Sandy Aubrey

BRUNSSUM, Netherlands – Teenagers seem to get a bad rap too often in this day and age. They're accused of being lazy, irresponsible and unfocused with a penchant for unhealthy and sometimes unsavory pastimes and entertainments. Maybe they bring it on themselves with their music and clothes. Psychologists blame the disintegration of the family nucleus for many behavioral problems displayed by today's youth.

The fact is, there are also teenagers who are bright, energetic, focused, and responsible.

One prime example is 17 year-old Nadya Courtney Hand, a senior at AFNorth International School. Hand seems to be one exception to the teenage theory. She has a strong sense of civic duty, she's an honor student, a President's Scholarship Award recipient, Youth of the Year for the 80th Area Support Group, and volunteers at Youth Services, writes poetry, and plays the cello. One day she's an articulate, poised moderator dressed in a business suit at a Women's History Month luncheon, and the next she's a typical teenager in jeans and a T-shirt zipping around the Benelux on her scooter.

It hasn't always been an easy ride for this high achiever. Her parents divorced in 1998 and shared custody of the children. Hand and her two brothers lived with their mother in the U.S. during the school year and spent summers with their father. Hand says it was hard for her to get used to not being the center of attention in either parents life.

At the time Hand was 12 and says she and her brother Robert, 13, spent a lot of time taking care of their younger brother Remington, 9. She describes the experience as being almost a surrogate mother.

"I had to come home from school and do my homework, then Robert and I helped Remington with his," Hand said. "We also took care of school issues Remington had. After that, I had to cook dinner."

Not one to dwell on obstacles, Hand and her brothers quickly learned to schedule their time so that after-school activities were possible for the three of them. They learned

to work as a team and the importance of prioritizing. Hand says her parents' divorce taught her an important lesson in independence and self-reliance.

In 2002, she and her younger brother chose to live in Europe with their father and his Welsh wife, Jessica. Hand's older brother decided to stay in the U.S. and live with their mother and work.

When she first got to Europe, Hand says the adjust-



PHOTO: Sandy Aubrey

**Nadya Hand, 17, the 80th Area Support Group Youth of the Year, talks about the science of force and projectiles with her brother Remington, 14. Nadya used to play surrogate mom to Remington. Now Remington doesn't need much help with homework but sometimes he likes to consult with his big sister.**

ment was difficult.

"It was hard not being a mom figure, even after my dad told me it was okay to stop mothering Remington," Hand said. "He encouraged me to go out and be a kid – have fun. At first it was hard, but now I like it."

It helped that Hand developed an excellent relationship with her stepmother. She gives her a lot of credit for her successful adjustment to Europe. "She's just a great lady, I can't say enough about her. I can talk to her about any-

thing and she's very understanding and super supportive," Hand said.

Hand's sense of civic duty developed accidentally as a 12 year-old when she got a job as a Red Cross volunteer in Molesworth, England.

"We were spending the summer with my dad and he enrolled us in Youth Services. I hated it because I was bored with the arts and crafts and stuff they had us doing – I wanted a real job," Hand said. "I kept nagging my dad until he finally agreed to help me get a job somewhere on the base. I was so excited when he told me I got a job at the Red Cross office."

It was an experience that taught her office and organizational skills that she says she's certain to use the rest of her life.

"That first job was a tremendous experience. I felt empowered by the work I did, and I learned to market myself, especially to my mom who didn't want me to work," Hand said.

"As a child, I wasn't allowed to make mistakes, and so today I don't like making mistakes but I've learned to be flexible," Hand said. Then, with a smile, she adds, "I'm a control freak, I like to know what's going to happen. I only like surprises if I know there's going to be a surprise."

Since coming to Europe, she's racked up an impressive track record in the community. In June 2003, Hand was the recipient of the President's Scholarship Award for volunteering over 120 hours of community service. Last summer she went to Lima, Peru for 10 days with the Dutch National Debate Team to participate in an international debate conference. It was an experience she described as a beautiful 10 days that greatly helped her bridge the gap between American, European and Latin American cultures. She's the 80th ASG's representative on the Europe Teen Panel. Hand also finds time to volunteer several times a week at the Youth Center.

"I like being involved. It makes me feel good to know I'm having an impact," she said.

Hand says she maintains inner balance with her cello which is her stress reliever. Her strong belief in the Unitarian Universalist Church has also helped her form values and determine who she is.

Her advice to teens is to get involved, participate in community life and make a difference.

Hand has been accepted to the University of South Florida where she will major in speech therapy.

## Brussels Community Calendar

**ACS** (02/717-9783) Metro Madness class April 17, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Parent University workshops April 19-22, info- [www.brussels.army.mil](http://www.brussels.army.mil); Gaining the Professional Edge workshop April 27, 10 a.m.-noon, Old Sanctuary; First Rate Resume workshop April 27, 1-3 p.m., Old Sanctuary; Interview Essentials workshop April 27, 3:30-5 p.m., Old Sanctuary; Newcomers Briefing-key agency overview April 27, 8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m., NSA bldg 3 conference room; Newcomers Briefing-hospital tour and Belgium overview April 28, 9:30 a.m.-noon, ACS; Newcomers Briefing-grocery store tour April 29, 9:30-11 a.m., ACS; Resume Workshop 102 April 29, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., computer lab; Are You A Team Player? workshop April 29, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Old Sanctuary; Interview Workshop 102 April 29, 7-9 p.m., Old Sanctuary; Toddler Play Group every Tuesday, 10 a.m.-noon, CYS multi-purpose room.

**NSA Sports & Fitness** (02/717-9667) Adult volleyball league teams register through April 16. Coaches meeting is April 19, 1:30 p.m. Games begin April 21; Six week "Bitty Sluggers" baseball for 3-5 year-olds begins April 14 and April 17, choose Wednesday ses-

sions, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at NSA Youth Center or Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the BAS field, cost is \$40.

**Outdoor Recreation** (02/717-9775 or 0474 683 544) Trips to Amsterdam April 10, 7 a.m.-9 p.m., price \$35 adults, \$29 children; to Canterbury April 17, 5 a.m.-11:30 p.m., price \$40 adults, \$33 children.

**NSA Education Center** (02/717-9704) Free French Head Start classes, chapters 1-5, April 19-23 and April 26-30; Chapters 6-10 will be offered May 3-7 and May 10-14. Classes 9:00 a.m.-noon in the Education Center.

**Three Star Lounge** (02/717-9822 or 9819) DoD touring show, rock band Wooden, April 10, 9 p.m.; country and western night April 17, 9 p.m., DJ Brooksie and Lady D play non-stop country hits, free admission; movie night with free popcorn every Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

**NSA Chapel** (02/717-9708) "Tenebre" service April 9, 7 p.m.; combined Easter service and luncheon April 11, 10:45 a.m.

**Multi-Craft Center** (02/717-9629) NSA Multi-Craft Center offers cross-stitching classes Wednesday afternoons, Saturday mornings or afternoons and Sunday afternoons; basic knitting classes Fridays at 10 a.m. and jewelry-making



PHOTO: Dorothy Nevins

## Airborne!

**Vernon Fowler, #3, NATO Support Activity, demonstrates gravity is not always an issue in his leap toward the goal March 26 at NSA in a community game versus Zaventem Police Dept. Also seen are NSA players Bruce Holland, #13, in deep background; and Mark Belle, #22. Zaventem players are Stefan Pluys, #10; Nicholas Boels, #25; almost hidden is Wesley Corthouts, #14; Christopher Knops, #26; and Eric Vaniersel, #16. NSA apprehended the police officers, 69-66.**

ing classes Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Call for more info or to sign up.

Thrift Savings Plan new open season is April 15-June 30. Presentations are May 7, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; May 18, 5:30-7:30 p.m., in NSA Building 2 conference room. Sign up: 02 717-9783 before April 23. Civilians contact your financial readiness program manager for another class.

**Job openings**—Bar Assistant, NA-7405-2 (Flex), an open continuous

position, announcement NAF-CHI-OC05; Upcoming - Barkeeper/Caterer, grade to be determined (Flex), this is a NAF position. For both positions see the NAF section of <http://www.chrma.hqusaureur.army.mil> Info: Jean-Luc Clarembau, 02 717-9735 or e-mail [jean-luc.clarembau@benelux.army.mil](mailto:jean-luc.clarembau@benelux.army.mil)

**Volunteers are stars** - NATO Support Activity holds a volunteer recognition ceremony May 21, 7:30

p.m., in Three-Star Lounge. "NSA Volunteers are Stars" is the theme for 2004 and we cordially invite all volunteers of the Brussels Community to join us for a special evening set aside to recognize their enormous contribution. Info: Emmy Isbell, 02 717-9679 or [Emmy.Isbell@benelux.army.mil](mailto:Emmy.Isbell@benelux.army.mil).

**For more information** about events happening in the Brussels community, visit [www.brussels.army.mil](http://www.brussels.army.mil).

## SHAPE and Chièvres Community Calendar

**Live music** - Rock band "Wooden" plays April 8, 7 p.m., at IC Club on SHAPE and April 9, 9 p.m., at Prime Time Lounge on Daumerie Caserne. Free admission. Info: 068 27-5904.

**Children's spring break classes** - SHAPE Arts and Crafts Center has children's classes during spring break, including egg painting, silver jewelry making, candle making and much more. Info: 065 44-4680.

The **Europe-wide Power Lifting competition** is April 24, 10 a.m., at Community Activity Center, Chièvres Air Base. Contact DSN 423-4405/3923 or civilian 065 44-4405/3923.

**Fitness Instructors Wanted** - The Fitness Center on Chièvres Air Base seeks teachers for fitness classes. Info: Eric Popp, DSN 361-5506 or ChievresActivityCenter

[@benelux.army.mil](mailto:@benelux.army.mil)

**Country Night** is April 10, 8:30 p.m., at Prime Time Lounge on Daumerie Caserne. Free entrance. Info: 068 27-5540/5904.

The **Central Issue Facility** is closed April 19-26 and reopens April 27. Info: DSN 361-5187 or 361-5542.

The **Welcoming Everyone to Belgium** center is an Army Community Service satellite office located in Hotel Maisières, open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. The WEB is a resource center for newcomers as well as others that need information about the SHAPE/Chièvres community and the local area. The WEB office also helps with directions or quick French to English translations. The WEB office has several books and sightseeing information. You may also post your community announcements such as

information on community events and private sales ads at the WEB. Rendezvous with French Language to learn useful French words April 20, May 26, and June 22, 10 a.m.-noon, at the W.E.B. Center. Free class.

**Entertainment Centre news** - Auditions for The Women, by Clare Booth Luce, are April 21, noon-2 p.m., and April 22, 6-8 p.m., the director is Jacqueline Kilduff; Lunchtime acting and playwriting classes meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon, and start April 19; Evening acting classes begin May 4, 6-7:30 p.m., the session runs through June and will meet either once or twice a week, cost is Euro 20 per session; Salsa dance lessons are every Monday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., IC Club on SHAPE. The Entertainment Centre is in SHAPE Building 207, open Monday-Friday, 2-5:30 p.m. Info: DSN 423-4257/

3312 or civilian 065 44 4257/3312.

The **commissary on Chièvres Air Base** is open normal hours Easter weekend: April 9-11, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Closed April 12. Normal schedule resumes April 13.

## Kudos

The 80th Area Support Group Army Community Service would like to say thanks to the following organizations for providing significant support to the Food Locker Program: **SHAPE High School, Cub Scout 325, the 5th and 6th grade Sunday school classes and Grandma's Attic.** Army Community Service truly appreciates your generosity.

## 254th BSB and Geilenkirchen Local Calendars

**Adult classes set** - Unless otherwise indicated, classes are held in ACS Building 39 at Schinnen, 046 443-7500. New Parent Education infant massage class April 20, 10-11 a.m.; The Employment Readiness Program has two workshops every Tuesday: "Finding Employment," 10 a.m.-noon, and "Hands on Resumix," 2-4 p.m.

**Club aids orphans in Afghanistan** - *Project Afghanistan*, The American Spouses Club is collecting clothes, toys, linens, dishes, reading books, text books, school supplies, vitamins, Tylenol and pen lights for the International Orphan Car in Kabul. Drop off donations at the U.S. Thrift Shop at Schinnen or the U.K. Thrift Shop at AFNorth. *Food International Orphan Care*, Open to all students at AFNorth and Geilenkirchen. To participate, kids should draw a picture of themselves with their favorite food. Pictures and a can/box of the favorite food should be taken to the Thrift

Shop at Schinnen. For more information call 046 443-7436.

Scholarships available

**Andrews Federal Credit Union** offers a total of five, \$1,500 scholarships for members who qualify. Stop by Schinnen AFCU to find out application details or visit [www.andrewsfcu.org/scholarship.htm](http://www.andrewsfcu.org/scholarship.htm).

**Job available at Schinnen** - The Directorate of Community Activities has a permanent, full time job opening for a recreation assistant GS-0189-5. For more information call the Benelux CPAC at 32 6827-5467 or visit [Benelux.cpac@cpoecur.army.mil](mailto:Benelux.cpac@cpoecur.army.mil).

**Andrews Federal Credit Union** has two positions open. Previous experience required. For more information call 046 443-7507.

**There's a job vacancy** in the delicatessen section at the Schinnen Commissary for American applicants. Stop by the

commissary for more information.

**Shed pounds at TaeBo** - TaeBo/aerobics classes are offered Mondays through Thursdays at the Schinnen Sports Center, 6-7 p.m. Sign up at the Fitness Center, call 31 46 443-7561 for more information.

**Check out the social scene** - Join friends and colleagues at the Memories Lane social hour Fridays at 4 p.m.

**News from the Bowling Center** - Cosmic bowling Fridays, 6 p.m.; No Tap Tournaments Saturdays, 6 p.m., men 9 pins, women 8 pins, \$15 entry fee.

**Schinnen Playgroup for Toddlers** meets every Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., at the Schinnen Sports Center.

**Free developmental screening** service for babies through three years of age. All American-sponsored families are eligible. Call Mary Jo Rooney at 045 563-6126.

**Club 13 offers live entertainment** Enjoy the warm guitar and soothing voice of Hank Slaughter rendering tunes by the Rolling Stones, Jimmy Buffett, Melissa Etheridge, Bon Jovi and Pink Floyd. Every Friday, 5:30 p.m. at Club 13 at AFNorth.

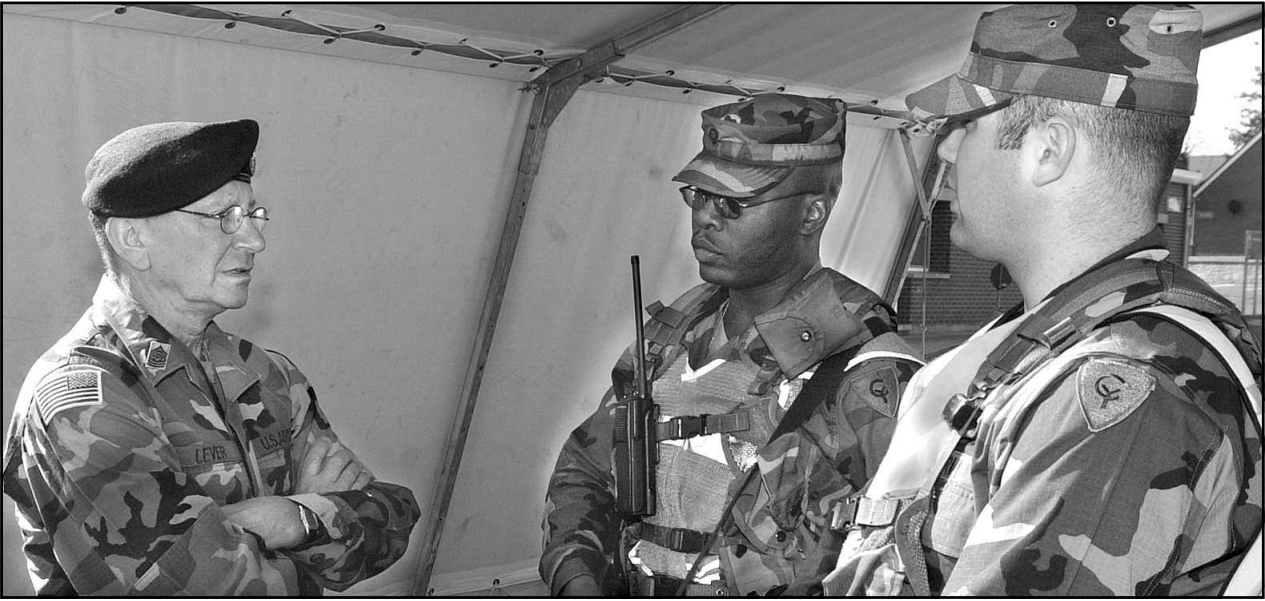
**News from Geilenkirchen Tax relief available** - German VAT forms at Geilenkirchen are available for all NATO ID cardholders

**Newcomers learn the ropes** - The next Newcomers Orientation is April 20, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Family Support Center. This orientation is mandatory for U.S. military members and civilian employees. Family members are encouraged to attend.

**Geilenkirchen U.S. Clinic News** The clinic will close April 9 and 12 for Good Friday and Easter Monday; The clinic is conducting a survey and asks

for patient cooperation. The clinic will be calling 100 patients a week requesting patient feedback after appointment. The results are reviewed and used to improve healthcare at the facility; The clinic has two cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes on the first and third Friday of the month. Classes on the first Fridays are for health care providers and the other is offered for the general population. Spouses may attend but will not be issued certification cards. For more information call 49 2451 99-3343. All classes are held in the clinic training room. **TRICARE re-enrollment sometimes necessary** - Dependents who have been in the U.S. for over 60 days during the member's deployment must re-enroll in TRICARE Europe upon their return. Visit the TRICARE Service Center on the second floor of the U.S. Clinic at Geilenkirchen.

# National Guard CSM visits 80th ASG



U.S. Army National Guard Command Sgt. Maj. A. Frank Lever III, left, chats with Spec. Ted Brooks, center, and Spec. Brian Napier, 1st Bn., 134th Field Artillery Regiment, on Daumerie Caserne March 30.

PHOTO: F. Neil Neeley

**Chièvres, Belgium** - The U.S. Army National Guard's top NCO passed through two installations here March 30 on a whirlwind tour of military installations in Europe. Command Sgt. Maj. A. Frank Lever III met members of Task Force Reaper Sentinel, who are from 1st Bn., 134th Field Artillery Regiment, headquartered in Columbus, Ohio.

Lever is making the trip to check on the mission and quality of life of the Soldiers who have been activated and deployed to help with force protection duties.

Lever visits troops overseas about once every three months as new units rotate into theater. Since arriving in Europe March 26, Lever's hectic schedule has taken him to Italy, Turkey and the Benelux countries, averaging one country per day. Lever will also visit troops in England and Bosnia before returning to the Pentagon.

The 1st Bn., 134th Field Artillery Regiment, inherited force protection duties from Task Force Steelguard in mid-March. Many members of the Columbus unit live outside of Ohio and commute from all over the Midwest for drills.

Lever is the seventh top sergeant in history of the U.S. Army National Guard.

## 80th ASG selects AFAP issues for European level

By Ned Cronin

Adult and teen representatives of the 80th Area Support Group met at SHAPE, Brussels, and Schinnen over the last two months to identify Army community issues that need to be addressed through the Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) conference system. Suggestion boxes

were located throughout the three installations and members of our military communities provided many excellent ideas. AFAP delegates discussed and selected top issues and forwarded them for review by the 80th ASG AFAP Steering Committee which met March 24. The following issues will be forwarded to the USAREUR AFAP Conference:

1. Residential Security Program - Civilian employees are not covered under the existing program but are targeted by burglars as often as soldiers. It is recommended the present joint force troop readiness regulation be expanded to include civilian federal employees for reimbursement for residential security systems.

2. Pre-registration For Childcare During PCS - The non-availability of childcare for incoming personnel is

a critical issue and directly impacts unit readiness. It is recommended that the current D.A. regulation be changed to allow incoming personnel to pre-register up to 60 days before their estimated arrival at a new duty station.

3. Lack of Funded Childcare Services During Permanent Change of Station - The financial burden of PCSing



PHOTO: Ned Cronin

Sherry Robinson addresses the audience at the SHAPE AFAP conference Feb. 13.

especially impacts lower ranking service members. It is recommended D.A. change the current Army Emergency Relief policy to mirror that of the Air Force Aid Society, and provide reimbursement to a soldier for up to 20 hours of childcare for each child prior to PCS and upon arrival at the new duty station.

4. Pets Not Included on PCS Orders - It is an additional financial burden on service members for the cost to ship their household pets to or from CONUS. It is recommended that DA include up to two household pets on PCS orders.

AFAP delegates also were tasked to select the Top Five Most Valuable Services. The magical five were AAFES/Commissary, DoDDS-E, Medical/Dental services, AFN, and MWR Programs.

Many other issues surfaced during this year's AFAP and all remaining issues were thought to be resolvable at the local-level. These issues included:

1. Addition of Smoke Alarms in the SHAPE American Schools.
2. Provide handicap access to the second floor of SHAPE American High School.
3. Change the practice of having Pizza Bowl staff handle money and prepare food without washing their hands. It was also suggested they wear hair nets and plastic gloves during food preparation.
4. CPAC should publish job vacancies and their hiring policies on the 80th ASG website.
5. Change operating hours of the SHAPE gym to reflect the needs of the community.
6. Recommended operation of a year-round APO at Chièvres.
7. Provide afternoon dental appointments for children with pre-screening at school.
8. Replace the existing intercom system at the SHAPE American High School. The system was upgraded two years ago and still cannot be heard.
9. Enclose the play area at the Food Court to reduce noise.
10. Provide an after-hours translator service for soldiers and family members.

The Army Family Action Plan represents an opportunity for community involvement and to provide input from the people of the Army to Army leadership. It's a process that allows soldiers, family

members, and civilian employees their voice to inform their local command as to what's working and what isn't. AFAP also provides these community members with a chance to suggest what they think needs to be done to fix those problems. The AFAP process serves to alert commanders and Army leaders about areas of concern that require their attention and it gives them the opportunity to quickly put plans in place that work toward resolving those issues.

Army installations worldwide hold AFAP Conferences to identify issues they believe are important in maintaining a quality standard of living. Local commander's oversight ensures that the identified issues are worked toward resolution. About 90 percent of all AFAP issues are retained and worked at the installation level which results in ongoing community improvements.

Some issues are applicable far beyond the local level, and these are forwarded to major command level AFAP conferences, and then on to Dept. of the Army.

Col. Timothy Quinn, 80th ASG Commander, would like to express his sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who participated in the 2004 AFAP Conferences and made this year's program such a big success. After IMA-E AFAP Conference meets, the results will appear in the Meteor. Stay tuned to see if any of our 80th ASG issues are forwarded to DA.

Ned Cronin is Director of Army Community Service in the 80th ASG.



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# March combines exercise, history, and local culture with food, drink, music



By Rick Haverinen

The annual Aviator's March returns this year to Chièvres Air Base after a detour a year ago to Ladeuze.

A May Day institution of the 80th Area Support Group now in its fifth year, the walk is a traditional volksmarch with a few embellishments. The Aviator's March is a German-style volksmarch with an historical flair.

"It doesn't happen very often that you work on a base that has history going back over two world wars," said Marie-Lise Baneton, 80th ASG public affairs officer. "We decided we should do something about that and to educate people, but do it in a way that they could also have fun."

The fun part is the walk in the fresh air. All very healthy of course, and the joy can even be enhanced in another way by the clubhouse atmosphere serving up food, drink and entertainment.

"The volksmarch club will have a big bar operation in the Community Activities Center, private organizations will be selling a variety of food," Baneton said, "and on the routes there will also be some stops where the volksmarchers will also be selling beverages and sandwiches."

For those who don't want the 20 kilometer challenge, there are more bite-sized routes of five, 10, and 15 kilometers.

"We got about 400 people for the first year and then we were lucky enough to meet the representatives from the local volksmarching club in Chièvres and they were willing to partner with us and that's how we got the volksmarch started, and this will be the fifth Aviators March, the fourth sanctioned by the IVV," Baneton said.



Baneton

The IVV is the Internationaler Volkssportverband, or International Federation of Popular Sports, a German organization that offers a variety of non-competitive sports including biking, swimming, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, skating and so forth. Walking is the classic and most popular IVV event.

"Our theme for this year is the 60th anniversary of the liberation of this country," Baneton said, "and this year is just more special, so we'll have WWII vintage vehicles displayed, and inside the community activities center we'll also have WWII displays again reminding people of the history of this airfield."

The entertainment schedule was still being polished at press time, but the audience can expect to hear music by a local Belgian band and the SHAPE International Band, and amazement is expected with a magic show.

Marchers can enter Chièvres Air Base via Gate 1 on Rue d'Ath for the May 1 event. Registration is 7 a.m.-3 p.m. The fee is 75 Euro cents per person for the march, and a number of awards will be distributed at 5 p.m.

The start and finish location is the Community Activities Center for all distances. The five kilometer walking path is entirely within the air base perimeter, but the longer routes spill out of the base to view the local countryside.

For more information call the 80th ASG public affairs office at DSN 361-5419 or civilian 068 27 5419.

## 80th ASG observes Women's History Month



Col. Deborah Beckworth

### SHAPE

Women's History Month was observed March 31 in the Community Club ballroom on SHAPE with a luncheon, musical entertainment and recognition of local women who contribute to the community.

Keynote speaker was Col. Deborah Beckworth, Chief of J-2 Intel, who shared stories about her grandmother and a family friend named Lou who was a fingerprint librarian for the FBI starting in World War II. Beckworth chose to talk about them because they were not famous, but both overcame adversity and contributed to the world with positive attitudes and a will to help others.

SHAPE Community Commander U.S.M.C. Gen. Richard Tryon presented awards to the local honorees who were Carrie Smith, Cathy O'Meara, Sharon McCurdy, Sgt. 1st Class Theodosia Martin, Jacque Kilduff, Cynthia Holt, Sgt. Angela Harper, Jacqueline Goldfarb, Debbie Galier, Barbara DeVos, and Capt. Cherrie Davis.

### Schinnen

By Sandy Aubrey

The Tri-border Special Emphasis Program committee hosted a luncheon March 23 to celebrate Women's History Month. The theme of the program was "Women inspiring hope and possibilities." Patty Mulqueen, a lawyer and homemaker, was one of eight Tri-border women who made presentations at the luncheon. The women spoke about nationally recognized women who impacted women's causes and they also shared their personal thoughts and experiences. The speakers' backgrounds covered a diverse spectrum from active duty military to volunteers and homemakers. Although their personal circumstances ranged from fighting cancer to abusive relationships, the essence of the message brought by all the women was hope and the endless possibilities available to women who are willing to work for what they want.



Mulqueen

## U.S. Forces remember crew of downed WWII B-17

Sixty years ago, April 13, 1944, the Flying Fortress 'Royal Flush' was returning from a raid in Schweinfurt, Germany, when it was hit by the German anti-aircraft defense. The pilot lost control and the aircraft fell in a field in Fouleng.

Of the ten crewmembers, six were killed: the pilot, 1st Lt. James R. Lavin, the co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Louis

A. Bendon, the bombardier, 2nd Lt. Calvin Anthes, the ball turret gunner, Staff Sgt. L. Brady, top turret gunner Staff Sgt. James W. Malone and waist gunner Staff Sgt. Raymond R. Marz. These men now rest at Margraten American cemetery in the Netherlands.

Navigator 2nd Lt. Harold Ashman, radio operator Tech. Sgt.

Edward Price, flight engineer Staff Sgt. Troy Hollar and waist gunner Staff Sgt. Charles W. Johnson were able to parachute out. Except for Johnson, they were rescued by the Belgian underground prior to the Germans' arrival.

Johnson fainted when the plane was hit, but he recovered consciousness for a few seconds

to open his parachute. His leg was broken when he landed. Ghislain Bonnet, living in a farm just a few meters from the crash site, tried to rescue him, but Johnson was in shock and could not escape. He became a prisoner of war. Four years ago, Johnson returned for the first time since the crash accompanied by the pilot's niece.

Americans and Belgians will honor this crew April 13, 11 a.m., next to the plaque placed in 1946 by Madame de la Serna on a wall of the farmhouse across the field from the crash site, at 47 Rue de la Miraine in Fouleng.

For more information and directions, call the 80th ASG public affairs office, 068 27-5419.

## Summer jobs open for youth to gain experience while being paid

The Summer Hire Program is designed to provide young people with an opportunity to gain meaningful job experience, prepare for future educational goals, and support the Army mission.

Three types of positions are available: clerical positions, laborer positions, and child care positions in which em-

ployees must be at least 16 years old.

The program runs June 28-Aug. 6. The minimum rate of pay is \$5.14 per hour. Family members age 14-23 of an active duty military member or DOD civilian may submit their automated resume prior to May 7. In-processing packages must be completed and turned in

to the Benelux Advisory Center within eight days after submission of the resume.

Interested applicants may visit the CHRMA Website at WWW.CHRMA.HQUSAREUR.ARMY.MIL.

Managers interested in acquiring summer hire personnel may submit their

requests for personnel action (RPA) now until May 14. Directions for submitting hiring requests are also provided at WWW.CHRMA.HQUSAREUR.ARMY.MIL

Any questions may be directed to Joelle Gerard at Benelux Advisory Center, DSN 361-5255 or civilian 068 27 5255.